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From the Director

Mark Baumler

For over six years, Arnie Olsen's name has been on this column. It is with a sense of loss but also good wishes for Arnie that I say farewell to him on behalf of all of us here at the Society.

Arnie resigned as Montana Historical Society director in November to get back into the wildlife management area, which is the subject of his doctorate and, along with history, one of his true passions. Before he left, Arnie thanked us, and I know he would also wish to thank you, for the opportunities he was given as director and for your on-going support of Montana history. He said he had been considering the career change for some time, but the timing finally seemed right. One major piece of work had been accomplished: the stage had been set for the new building campaign, and he felt it would be best to leave before the second phase to create the Montana History Center was in full swing.

Anyone evaluating Arnie's career at the Society would certainly place acquiring \$7.5 million in bonding authority for a new building at the top of the list of his accomplishments. However, we at the Society also remember how he secured the huge Robert Scriver collection of artwork and taxidermy for the people of Montana. Arnie's determination kept the work of this well-known Browning artist from being lost to another state. Arnie also worked with the Montana History Foundation to secure a new storage facility near the Helena Airport to house the collection. Those achievements are widely recognized. Less known is how Arnie marshaled the staff to move the collection back to Helena—turning curators, historians, and librarians into truck drivers, packers, and movers. Many people said that it couldn't be done, but Arnie led the effort and we even had some fun along the way. We will never forget that time.

It is truly impossible to list all of Arnie's accomplishments, which will continue to make the Society what he always called the "Best in the West." We can only say thanks for a job well done. We wish Arnie and his family well and know that he will continue to support us in any way he can.

At this writing, the Society Board of Trustees has appointed me interim director and has launched a national search to find a new director. I am grateful for the privilege of leading the Society and am aware that we are on the brink of some major decisions that will affect the Society for years to come.

As most of you know, we continue to work with the state Department of Administration to determine if the Capitol Hill Mall in Helena would be a suitable facility to create the new Montana History Center. Regardless of the outcome of that negotiation, we still will continue to work for a new building simply because we have completely outgrown our current facility. We also will have to begin efforts to prepare for the next legislative session as well as keep all other projects and programs in play.

Through this transition, the Society's fine staff fully intends to continue to perform their jobs with dedication, and the Society will continue to meet your needs and provide services of which you can all be proud. The cause of Montana history is bigger than any of us. We truly are a historical society for all of Montana's people.

Board Begins Search for New Director

The Montana Historical Society's Board of Trustees has begun the search for a new director to lead the Society. Among other qualities, the board is looking for someone with a background in historical institutions or closely related programs and strong public relations, financial, human resource and fundraising skills. The job announcement specifies that the successful candidate must be able to communicate and collaborate effectively with the Society Board of Trustees, approximately 60 staff, the public, legislators, and other branches of state government. The new Director, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, will lead the Society into the future, including planning and development of a new Montana History Center over the next five years.

The board has advertised the position nationally, and the complete job announcement and application requirements are posted on the state web page vacancy announcement at: <http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp>. Interested applicants must send a current resume with a cover letter of interest, a 1 to 3 page statement explaining your historic institution (or similar program) administrative philosophy, a completed State of Montana Employment Application (PD-25), and at least three references with their names, addresses, emails and telephone numbers to: Mary Ann Bannon, Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201, (406) 444-2697. Application deadline is February 10, 2006.

Montana's Museum Receives "Key Ingredients" Grant from MCH

Beginning in May 2006, the Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH) will be sponsoring a celebration of America's heritage as it relates to the all-important topic of food. For ten months MCH will circulate *Key Ingredients: America by Food*, a traveling exhibition developed by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. As part of that program, MCH has awarded Montana's Museum a \$3,000 grant to produce a Montana-specific component for the show. *Montana by Food*—which will feature historic photographs and graphics from the Society's collections—will accompany the Smithsonian exhibit at host institutions in Butte, Libby, Conrad, Huntley, Colstrip, and Big Fork. Following the conclusion of the *Key Ingredients* tour in March 2007, *Montana by Food* will be available for booking by other interested museums through the Society's regular traveling exhibition program. For more information on these

bookings contact Julie Saylor at jsaylor@mt.gov or 406-444-4789.

In addition to the *Montana by Food* exhibit, as part of the *Key Ingredients* festivities, Molly Kruckenberg, Director of the MHS Research Center, is also offering a presentation on the Society's cookbook collection—"A Taste of Montana: A History of Cooking and Cookbooks in Montana"—through MCH's Speakers Bureau. For more information on *Key Ingredients* visit <http://www2.umt.edu/lastbest/keyingredients.htm> or contact Yvonne Gritzner at ygritzner@mail1.umt.edu.



Photographer L. A. Huffman's *Dry Landers on Little Pumpkin*, no date, is one of the many photographs that will be featured in *Montana by Food*.
Photo courtesy MHS Photo Archives

Society Initiates New Oral History Project

The Society's oral history program is working with the Fort William Henry Harrison Military Museum in Helena to preserve the stories of service men and women who served in the military between 1991 and 2005.

The "Contemporary Military Service Project" will gather stories of veterans of the Gulf wars, Afghanistan, and Bosnia through both surveys and oral history interviews. The Society is also collecting information from family members affected by their loved ones' deployment. The Society believes these records will provide an invaluable resource for future historians looking to understand Montanans and

their role in implementing national military policy, as well as the impact military service has on the families of service men and women and the communities in which they live and work.

Information on the project as well as a link for taking the survey are available by logging on to <http://www.his.state.mt.us/research/default.asp> and looking for "Special Projects" under "Outreach" or by calling Oral Historian Jodie Foley at 406-444-6779.

Surveys will be gathered for the Society archives during the winter 2006, and follow-up oral history interviews will be conducted in the spring.

Montana Heritage Project Students Have Active Semester

The Montana Heritage Project has had a busier than usual fall. The project, which is attached to the Society and funded by the Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation, is currently working with teachers in fourteen schools to encourage students to explore their history, engage in original research, and forge deeper connections to their communities.

As part of their historical exploration, two classes of project students visited the Society this fall. In October, Broadwater High School seniors researched the 1910 fires and the 2000 Maudlow -Toston fire to compare management, reaction, and impacts of the two events. In November, Harlowton students spent a day researching entertainment, sports, food, and dress in Montana in 1910.

In addition to emphasizing primary source research, the Project also requires students to give "gifts of scholarship" to their communities; and organizing special events that celebrate the histories of their towns and the contributions of their residents have become an important part of Heritage Project students' work. Among the best-loved events are Veteran's Day celebrations. This year Montana Heritage Project students in Bigfork, Townsend, and White Sulphur Springs held events to honor local veterans.



Harlowton High School student Kria Hagberg studies archival documents during her class trip to the MHS Research Center. Photo courtesy Montana Heritage Project

Chester students held an event of a different kind as part of their investigation into the history of the two schools that joined Chester in a most recent Hi-Line consolidation: Joplin and Inverness. On December 3, Chester students invited Inverness alumni to assist them in finding time capsules that Inverness students had "planted" on school grounds.

Finally, in Great Falls on December 8, Central Catholic High School students hosted a heritage program to share what they have learned about the history of Paris Gibson School, once Central's own home. The students' work will serve as a foundation for the community's ongoing discussion of how best to use this historic facility.

Scholars and Educators Honored at History Conference

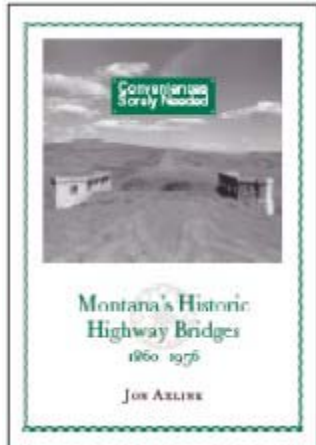
Every year the Society's Board of Trustees honors educators and scholars at the Society's annual history conference, and this year was no exception. Honored for their contributions to Montana history and culture were former first lady Betty Babcock, for her work raising funds for worthy Montana heritage projects and Butte-Silver Bow archivists Bill Walker and John Hughes, granted posthumous awards for their assiduous efforts to preserve the historical record of "the Richest Hill on Earth."

The Board also bestowed outstanding educator awards on H. Duane Hampton, professor emeritus from the University of Montana, and on Darrell Robes Kipp, founder of the Piegan Institute in Browning. Hampton was cited for his years of work with graduate students on Montana history projects, and Kipp was honored for his efforts to preserve the Blackfoot language and culture. All five recipients join illustrious groups of former honorees.

Young scholars were also recognized at the history conference, as the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation once again provided scholarships to outstanding students attending Montana tribal and traditional colleges. Awardees, who presented their research in two conference sessions,

included Bob Baker (University of Montana-Missoula); Jennifer Brown (Montana State University-Bozeman); Nick Mazanec (Carroll College, Helena); Nona Main (Fort Belknap Community College, Harlem); and Toni Plummer Alvernaz (Fort Peck Community College, Poplar). Each student-presenter received a \$500 scholarship from the foundation, plus all conference expenses.

MHS Press Announces New Book



The Montana Historical Society Press, the Montana Department of Transportation, and MDT historian and author Jon Axline have teamed up to publish *Conveniences Sorely Needed: Montana's Historic Highway Bridges, 1860–1956*. The collaboration represents a shared interest in raising greater public awareness for historic bridge preservation across the state.

The book, which features photographs of eighty bridges by Missoula photographer Kristi Hager, looks both at the history of Montana's historic bridges and at how that history relates to the larger history of transportation.

Printed in November, *Conveniences* has already proven a success. Orders have been placed for the entire print run of the hardcover edition, and orders for the soft cover books have also been coming in strong. Both author and photographer busily promoted the book through Hager's photography exhibit in Missoula and Axline's book signing and speaking events in Helena. Axline will also be giving a series of talks across the state in the next few months. Watch your local newspaper for events in your area.

For more information, or to purchase a copy, visit the MHS website <http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.com/pub/press/newbooks.asp#Conveniences>

Three Montana Properties Recently Listed in the National Register

The National Register of Historic Places, which recognizes historic properties worthy of preservation, recently acknowledged the significance of three Montana properties. The circa 1912 Acme Building of Billings was listed because of its associations with the exuberant commercial expansion that occurred in Billings in the 1910s. The building was used as retail space, a theater, and a hotel, all of which contributed to the growth of commerce in the city.

Also listed was the 1908 Adams Hotel, one of Lavinia's first and most substantial commercial buildings. The hotel is representative of the construction boom that accompanied the arrival of the Milwaukee Road. The property gains additional significance as an excellent local example of Colonial Revival architecture and for its association with the prominent Montana architecture firm, Link and Haire.

The John Hepburn Place in Park County harkens to a later period of Montana history and was listed for its association with the Great Depression-era and post-World War II Montana tourist industry. An excellent example of a mid-twentieth-century rural museum site, its Rustic architecture belies its origins as a roadside attraction associated with Yellowstone National Park.

A full compilation of Montana properties listed in the National Register is available through the Society's website: <http://montanahistoricalsociety.org/shpo/nationalreg.asp>.



The Acme Building, recently listed in the National Register.
Photo courtesy SHPO

Complete Archives Catalog Now Available On-Line

In September approximately 6,000 archives catalog records were downloaded into the Montana Shared Catalog, the online catalog of the Montana Historical Society Research Center. These records include oral histories, manuscript collections, legislative records, and state and local government records. Previously, access to these collection descriptions was limited to an in-house database or paper catalog. Now, users can access descriptions to our entire archives collection, including unprocessed collections, on-line. Shared Catalog users gain added access to fully processed collections through a link imbedded in the catalog records. Clicking on the link takes the user directly to the finding aid in the Northwest Digital Archives project website, where they will find detailed collection information and an inventory.

Researchers can also directly access inventories of fully processed collections through the Northwest Digital Archives, www.mwda.wsulibs.wsu.edu. That database also provides information about collections in eighteen other archives in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, making it easier for users to locate material relevant to their topics. Over the next several months the Archives staff will be adding subject headings to the Montana Shared Catalog, which will enhance the databases' searching capabilities. The online catalog for the Research Center can be found at:

<http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/research/library/onlinecatalogs.asp>

History Happenings

True West magazine has recognized special places and people through its “**Best of the West Awards**” for the past four years. For 2005, the Montana Historical Society Museum—Montana’s Museum—received the “Reader’s Choice” award for Best Museum in the West. The Society is honored to have so many good friends in Montana, across the nation, and throughout the world.

The Society recently promoted two staff members to fill the positions of Publications Program Manager and Research Center Program Manager and has named an acting Program Manager for the State Historic Preservation Office. Six-year veteran of *Montana The Magazine of Western History* **Molly Holz** has been named Publications Program Manager. That position also serves as editor of *Montana* and the Montana Historical Society Press. A graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Montana State University, Holz brings to the position a passion for Montana history and a wealth of knowledge about magazine and book publishing. She can be reached at 406-444-0090 or mholz@mt.gov. Archivist **Molly Kruckenberg** was recently promoted to the position of Research Center Program Manager. That position oversees the Society’s library, archives, and photograph archives. Kruckenberg, who holds degrees from Hiram College and the University of Pittsburgh, worked in a variety of positions in the Society’s archives over the past seven years, most recently as State Archivist. She can be reached at 406-444-4787 or mkruckenberg@mt.gov. Finally, State Archaeologist **Stan Wilmoth** is serving as Acting Program Manager of SHPO while State Historic Preservation Officer Mark Baumler is in the position of Interim Director.



One of two 1888 Russell sketches, recently donated to the Society by the family of Gene and Louise Barsness.
Photo courtesy MHS Museum

The Gene and Louise Barsness family of Laurel, Montana, recently donated **two early Russell pencil sketches** to the Society. Russell produced the untitled drawings in 1888 for Mrs. Barsness’ maternal grandparents, Dr. William A. and Atta Netta Long, of Philbrook, Montana. The Longs and another couple had hired Jake Hoover to guide them on a hunting trip. Hoover brought with him three assistants—a cook, a fiddler who entertained the party at night, and Russell, who drew these sketches and presented them to the Longs. According to family lore, Mrs. Long—who was a native of England—was very fashion conscious and insisted that Russell depict her “French heels” in the sketches.

The Society held **State Employees Appreciation Days** on December 9 and 10, 2005. State employees and their families were given free entrance to Montana's Museum, signed up for door prizes, and met with Helena-area authors who were available to autograph their books. Other perks included reduced membership rates, free refreshments, and admission to the holiday family movie, *The Bishop's Wife*. At least 295 people attended the event, twenty of whom purchased memberships.

The Society is currently in the process of writing a comprehensive **Montana history textbook**, designed for the seventh and eighth grade level. The textbook will be accompanied by a web-based teacher's guide. Copies of this new textbook will be available from a commercial publisher in spring 2007. In the meantime, the Society will loan Montana teachers classroom copies of the Merrill-Maker textbook *Montana: People and Their Stories* (2004). Copies of this interim textbook can be obtained by signing a loan agreement with the Historical Society stipulating that the books will be returned to the Society in the summer of 2007. Schools borrowing the books are responsible for shipping charges both to and from Helena. Arrangements can be made to borrow the classroom copies by contacting Dave Walter at dawalter@mt.gov or 406-444-4015.

The twenty-fifth anniversary **Original Governor's Mansion Christmas Home Tour** held on Sunday, December 4, 2005, was a sterling success. The tour featured a record six Helena-area homes decorated for the holidays and the Governor's Mansion lavishly bedecked in silver ornaments and historical silver artifacts. It culminated with a reception at the historic Montana Club. Numerous Helena merchants donated items for a raffle, while Mountain West Bank provided funding to advertise the event. The additional advertising paid off, and attendance at the silver anniversary tour was the highest in recent memory. The tour, held annually since 1980, is the mansion's major fund-raiser. All money raised goes to support restoration and interpretation of the historic 1888 residence.

Montana teachers are invited to the **Montana Heritage Project's summer conference** in Butte, June 19-20, 2006. Titled "Place-Based Education: Exploring Where We Are through Literature and Writing," the conference will be rich in presentations from both nationally recognized place-based educators and from Montana Heritage Project mentor teachers. Graduate credit will be available from the Heritage Institute, Antioch University. Learn more by visiting <http://www.montanaheritageproject.org/index.php/institute>.



The winter issue of **Montana The Magazine of Western History** features another round of exciting articles about the American West. Among them are a look at how Montana's 1918 Sedition Act led to persecution of Montana citizens and the story of the "Cattle Queen of New Mexico," Susan McSween. A full table of contents and subscription information is available on the society's website at <http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.com/pub/magazine/default.asp>. Subscriptions are also available by calling 1-800-243-9900.

In addition to assisting with mailings, receptions, book signings, gallery openings, and tour groups, **members of the Society's volunteer corps** have been busily working to help make the Society's Research Collections more accessible to researchers. Nine volunteers have set a goal to type fifty oral histories so that they become Microsoft Word-searchable by May 2006. Fifteen of those histories have been completed thus far. In addition, volunteers are actively entering obituaries into a searchable database. Thus far, volunteers Lucille Balfour and Diane Myrah have entered approximately 16,500 obituaries, with some 19,500 to go. In the photo archives, volunteer Sandy Barker has nearly finished a four-year project cataloging the Kopac collection. Watch for her article, coauthored with Lory Morrow, about the collection in the winter issue of *Montana The Magazine of Western History*. The Society has many other opportunities for volunteers. For more information on volunteering, contact Delight Sullivan at 406-444-9553.

On December 8, Montana's Museum opened its most recent temporary exhibit, ***Splendid was the Trail: Photographs of the National Forest by K. D. Swan***. A Harvard-educated easterner, Swan arrived in Missoula in 1911 to begin a job with the newly created Forest Service. Although trained as a forester, his work eventually led him into public information. Through his pictures and many public presentations, Swan revealed the unique beauty of remote wild places in Montana, Idaho, and the Dakotas. This traveling exhibit—which was produced by the Northern Region of the U.S. Forest Service in observance of that agency's hundredth anniversary—reflects both Swan's artistry as a photographer and his mission of promoting the value of public lands. *Splendid was the Trail* will be on exhibit at the Society through February 28, 2006. For more information visit:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/centennial/swan.shtml>.



K. D. Swan photographs like *Vista of Wounded Man Lake*, taken in Custer National Forest, in 1938, are the focus of the Society's newest exhibit, *Splendid was the Trail*. Photo courtesy of USDA Forest Service, Region 1.

The Montana Historical Society has joined with the National Park Service, Montana State Parks, the Montana Heritage Commission, and many other organizations to begin planning a **cattle drive between Virginia City and the Grant-Kohrs Ranch** for summer 2007. The cattle drive will commemorate Montana's cowboy, cattle, and open range heritage in honor of Grant-Kohrs' thirtieth anniversary as a national historic site. In the spirit of the 1989 Montana Centennial Ride, the cattle drive will follow historic routes where practicable and interpret how this early activity served the Bannack and Virginia City mining communities, helped establish Montana's stock growing industry, and helped settle the West.

Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer presented **Tammy L. Ryan the 2005 Governor's Award for Excellence** in recognition of the energy, integrity, initiative, talent, and collegiality she brings as circulation and advertising manager of *Montana The Magazine of Western History*. The Society extends its congratulations and thanks to Tammy for her service.

Karen Rouns has joined the Museum and Education Division as part-time museum assistant. Karen is responsible for the accounts payable, office records, and computer assistance for the division. Visitors to the director's office will find themselves greeted by **Vanessa Verrill**, the Society's new administrative assistant. Vanessa, who comes to the Society from Silverton, Oregon, by way of Columbia, South Carolina, holds degrees in both communication and education. She will be assisting **Gena Ashmore**, who was recently promoted to administrative officer.



Department of Correction's Bill Slaughter and Governor Brian Schweitzer pose with Society staff member Tammy L. Ryan as she receives the Governor's Award for Excellence.

Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, programs are **free, open to the public, and held 6:30 p.m.** at the Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts.

Thursday Night Events

*January 5: **Montana's Historic Highway Bridges: Conveniences Sorely Needed, 1860-1956.*** Jon Axline, historian for the Montana Department of Transportation, will share stories about the state's historic bridges and the growing number of citizens who have come to see them as visible and under-appreciated reflections of Montana's past.

*January 12: **The Buildings that Line Our Streets.*** Why do places look the way they do? National Register Sign Program Researcher Martha Kohl will take attendees on a virtual tour of some of Montana's historic buildings to discover the ways circumstance, ideology, fashion, finances, and function combined to shape Montana's built environment.

*January 19: **Splendid was the Trail.*** Kirby Lambert, MHS Curator of Art, will give an illustrated presentation that explores the photography of K.D. Swan, Forest Service photographer from 1911 to 1947. The talk complements the traveling exhibit of the same title, on display at the Society through February 28, 2006.

*January 26: **Pages in History Book Forum.*** Join us in a discussion of Diane Smith's book, **Letters from Yellowstone**, facilitated by Carroll College English professor Debra Bernardi and Helena High School Librarian Niki Whearty.

*February 2: **Living in the Midst of the Nation's First Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Field: Minuteman Missiles in 1960s Montana.*** Two hundred Minuteman missiles dot the Montana landscape. Molly Holz, editor of *Montana The Magazine of Western History*, will discuss the construction of the Minuteman missile field and how this technological marvel has changed the face of Montana.

*February 9: **How White Photographers Saw Native Americans.*** Lory Morrow, Photograph Archives Supervisor, will use examples of historical photographs from the Montana Historical Society's collections to illustrate the way photographers in Montana saw their Native American subjects and what their views tell us about the photographers themselves.

*February 16: **The Great Divide Ski Area and the Ski Mountaineers.*** Helena Sports Hall of Fame co-founder Curt Synness will moderate a panel of regional snow skiers who were instrumental in the early days of Belmont, now known as the Great Divide Ski Area. Come learn about the construction of Belmont, begun in 1941 only to be interrupted by the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

*February 23: **Pages in History Book Forum.*** Join us in a discussion of Norman Maclean's **The Ranger, the Cook and a Hole in the Sky**, a story out of *A River Runs Through It*, facilitated by Bud Moore, retired forest ranger and friend of Norman Maclean.

*March 2: **Rhinestones Aren't Just for Cowboys.*** Calling all collectors and novices—native Helenan Rob Mayer of Prickly Pear Antiques will share the history of rhinestones and how to determine their quality. Mayer will also provide an overview of some of the major companies that have produced rhinestone jewelry over the years.

*March 9: **Weddings, Montana Style.*** How have weddings changed over the years? Martha Kohl will talk from her Montana Committee for the Humanities-funded research about what weddings can tell us about Montana history and what Montana history can tell us about the ways people chose to wed.

March 16: Exhibit Opening: Photographing Montana, 1894-1928. Celebrate the opening of our newest exhibit, showcasing the work of Evelyn Cameron.

March 23: Photographing Montana. Join us for a showing of the documentary film on the life and work of Evelyn Cameron.

March 30: Pages in History Book Forum. Join us in a discussion of Donna Lucey's book, **Photographing Montana, 1894-1928: The Life and Work of Evelyn Cameron**, facilitated by Education Officer Linda Wruck.

Society on the Road

January 30, 7:00 p.m.: The History of Butte Mining. Reference librarian Brian Shovers will talk at the William K. Kohrs Memorial Library, 501 Missouri Avenue, in Deer Lodge.

February 9, 7:00 p.m.: A Taste of Montana. Research Center Director Molly Kruckenberg will talk at the Glacier County Library, 21 First Ave SE in Cut Bank.

February 8, 7:00 p.m.: Lewis and Clark County Genealogical Society Open House. Archivist Ellie Arguimbau will staff a table providing information on genealogical resources at the Montana Historical Society during this event, which will be held at the Lewis and Clark County Library, Helena.

March 21, 7:00 p.m.: Prostitution in Montana. Interpretive Historian Ellen Baumler will speak at the Carbon County Historical Society and Museum, 224 N. Broadway, Red Lodge, 224 N. Broadway, Red Lodge.

Friends Lecture Series

The Friends of the Society annually sponsor noon lectures every Wednesday in March as their primary fundraiser for the year. Tickets are \$5.00 per lecture or \$20.00 for the entire series. Topics and speakers to be announced. For more information, contact Delight Sullivan at 406-444-9553.

State Preservation Review Board/National Register Meeting

January 20-21, Helena. For more information contact Kate Hampton, kahampton@mt.gov or 406-444-3647.

Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees Meeting

January 25-26, Helena. For more information contact Gena Ashmore, gashmore@mt.gov or 406-444-1799.

Montana History Conference

Mark the date. Planning has begun for the Thirty-third Annual History Conference to be held in downtown Billings, September 28-30, 2006. For more information, contact Education Officer Linda Wruck at 406-444-4794 or lwruck@mt.gov.

Hours

Montana's Museum

Through April 30: Tuesdays-Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursday evenings until 8:00 p.m. Closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays. \$5.00 per adult, \$1.00 per student, \$12.00 per family.

Museum Store

Through April 30: Tuesdays-Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturdays, 12:00-5:00 p.m. Closed on Mondays, Sundays and holidays. No admission fee.

Research Center

Library and Archives: Tuesdays-Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Closed Sundays, Mondays, and holiday weekends. No admission fee.

Photograph Archives: Tuesdays-Fridays, 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Closed weekends, Mondays, and holidays. No admission fee.

Capitol Guided Tours

Through April 30: Saturdays only, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tours begin on the hour; last tour begins at 2:00 p.m. Self-guided tour brochures available at the security desk on the first floor upon request. Call 406-444-4789 for reservations.

Original Governor's Mansion

Through April 30: Saturdays only, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Tours begin on the hour; last tour begins at 3:00 p.m. \$4 per adult, \$1 per student, \$10 per family. Groups call 406-444-4789 for reservations.